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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, Applicants submit herewith the following Response and Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response from May 24, 2005 to August 24, 2005.